

## Message Text

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ACTION EUR-12

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O 061709Z AUG 78  
FM AMEMBASSY MADRID  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5632  
INFO FAA BRUSSELS  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

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PARIS AND FRANKFURT FOR FAA

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAIR, PFOR, SP  
SUBJECT: CIVAIR - ATTEMPTED HIJACKING OF KLM FLIGHT  
REPORTEDLY THWARTED BY CREW

1. EMBASSY INFORMED BY TORREJON AB OPERATIONS CENTER (TAB OPS CENTER) AT APPROXIMATELY 1600Z THAT KLM FLIGHT FROM AMSTERDAM TO MADRID HAD BEEN HIJACKED. AT THAT TIME FLIGHT WAS REPORTEDLY ABOUT 100 MILES FROM BARCELONA AND HAD BEEN REFUSED LANDING PERMISSION IN ONE OR MORE AFRICAN COUNTRIES. AT 1625Z BOTH KLM AND TAB OPS CENTER INFORMED EMBASSY THAT AIRCRAFT HAD LANDED AT BARCELONA.

2. AT 1640Z DUTY OFFICER AT CONSULATE GENERAL BARCELONA (DIELI) INFORMED EMBASSY THAT BOTH CONTROL TOWER AND CHIEF OF SECURITY AT BARCELONA AIRPORT HAD TOLD HIM  
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THAT KLM CREW HAD SUCCESSFULLY SUBDUED SINGLE HIJACKER WITHOUT INJURY TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY. CHIEF OF SECURITY STATED THAT PASSENGERS WERE LEAVING AIRCRAFT FOR SHORT BREAK PRIOR TO FLYING ON TO MADRID.

3. EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION AT THIS TIME ON IDENTITY OF HIJACKER OR MOTIVE FOR ACTION. SECURITY CHIEF AT

BARCELONA AIRPORT WAS RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS THIS ASPECT  
WITH CONGEN DUTY OFFICER. WE WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER  
INFORMATION AS IT DEVELOPS. TODMAN

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